

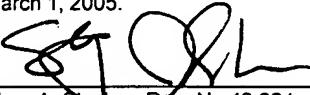


PATENT APPLICATION

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of January 19, 2005 requiring restriction to one of the following inventions:

Group I, claims 1-16 and 19-35;

Group II, claim 17; and

Group III, claim 18.

In response to the Examiner's interpretation of claims, and based on the Examiner's statement, Applicant believes that the interpretation is correct.

Applicant elects the invention of the claims of Group I, claims 1-16 and 19-35, to be examined. Therefore, claims 1-16 and 19-35 are requested to be examined in this application, and claims 17 and 18 are withdrawn. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application on the remaining claims.

With respect to the requirement for further election, Applicant elects "stents" as a device of claim 9, the hydrocyclosiloxane monomer of claim 12 as the biologically compatible coating, and the polymeric material of claim 11 as the contacting surface.

Should the Examiner have any comments, questions or suggestions relating to a speedy disposition of the application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (505) 998-1500, or direct dial at (505) 998-6130.

Respectfully submitted,

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